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REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 7, 2003. Claims 22-34 are pending in this application. Claims remain as previously amended by Applicants.

The Examiner has objected to the Specification because the disclosure references priority patent applications which have been finally disposed. This has been corrected incorporating the current status of these applications and reflecting the current status of present pendency including patent numbers. Applicants believe that this objection has been overcome.

Claims 22-34 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,615,268. Applicants have prepared and hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection and to further the prosecution of this application.

Applicants have prepared a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 to further the prosecution of this application. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claims 22-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of *Hudetz et al.*, U. S. Patent No. 5,978,773 and *Wellner*, U. S. Patent No. 5,640,193 and further in view of *Lee et al.* U. S. Patent No. 6,263,383. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The *Lee et al.* reference, is a reference that has a filing date that Applicants believe can be sworn behind, but believes that it can be argued over in view of the current claims. However, Applicants can, if necessary, provide information to show that the invention was invented prior

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to the filing date of the *Lee et al.* patent.

Although the *Hudetz* reference does provide for detection of decoded information and use of that decoded information to allow a connection to a second location on the network, the *Hudetz* reference lacks a showing of the decoded information being applied to a port with a different functionality and then *conversion of the second functionality to the first functionality*. The Examiner has utilized the *Lee et al.* reference for showing this feature of the claim in addition to the *Wellner* reference. The *Lee et al.* reference discloses a keyboard wedge system such that a scanner can share a keyboard port wherein either a scanner input can be received or a keyboard input can be received. However, what *Lee et al.* does not disclose is the use of the wedge port to convert the scanner output to key strokes and place those key strokes in the appropriate location in the browser program. This feature is set forth in the claim as follows:

translating the second functionality to be compatible with the first
functionality for input to the port

For example, in Applicants' present inventive concept, as defined by the amended claims, the scanner output information is utilized as if they were keyed in by the keyboard and actually add additional information to the scanned image such that, for example a CTL-O is transmitted initially, which will open the browser window in order to insert the appropriate code and the information to the browser. This is neither taught nor suggested in the *Lee et al.* reference. As such, Applicants believe that none of the references, taken singularly or in combination, anticipate or obviate Applicants' present inventive concept as defined by the amended claims and, therefor, respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection with respect to Claims 21-34 as being unpatentable over the combination of *Hudetz et al.*, U. S. Patent No. 5,978,773 and *Wellner*, U. S. Patent No. 5,640,193 and further in view of *Lee et al.* U. S. Patent No. 6,263,383.

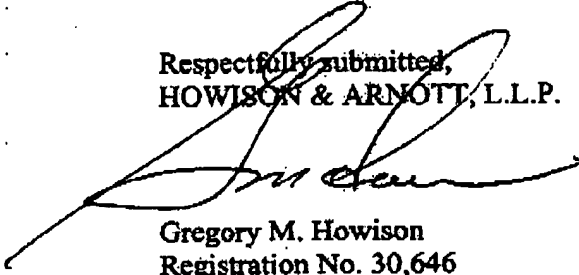
Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims in view of the attached Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131. Please charge any additional

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fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/PHLY-24,910 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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